

CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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	<p>The following reflects the findings of the Department of Public Health during a Complaint Investigation visit.</p> <p>Representing the Department of Public Health: [REDACTED], HFEN</p> <p>CLASS AA CITATION -- PATIENT CARE 22-1762-0005030-S Complaint(s): CA00133222</p> <p>Title 22 72311(a)(1)(A)(C) -- Nursing Service - General (a) Nursing service shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (1) Planning of patient care, which shall include at least the following:</p> <p>(A) Identification of care needs based upon an initial written and continuing assessment of the patient's needs with input, as necessary, from health professionals involved in the care of the patient. Initial assessments shall commence at the time of admission of the patient and be completed within seven days after admission.</p> <p>(C) Reviewing, evaluating and updating of the patient care plan as necessary by the nursing staff and other professional personnel involved in the care of the patient at least quarterly, and more often if there is a change in the patient's condition.</p> <p>Health & Safety Code Section 1418.6 Section 1418.6 - No long term health care facility shall accept or retain any patient for whom it cannot provide adequate care.</p>				

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	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>The regulations were not met as evidenced by:</p> <p>The facility failed to consistently assess, evaluate, and update the resident's care plan who was identified with history of falls. Resident 1 had 14 episodes of falls and sustained injuries such as: lacerated wound on the nose, chin, lower lip, back, right side of head and bruise to left upper and lower eyelid. On 11/24/07 the resident was noted to have a laceration on the right side of the head. Resident 1 was transferred to the hospital and the CT scan showed hematoma, (swelling filled with blood in the brain resulting from a break in a blood vessel) acute cerebral herniation, (protrusion through a ruptured brain wall) and 3 cm. right parietal laceration. The resident was unresponsive and was admitted to the hospital.</p> <p>Resident 1 was admitted to the facility on 12/18/06 with diagnosis of Huntington's disease (slow progressive mental decline with bizarre involuntary movements). The resident was identified during admission as high risk for falls and potential for injury related to unsteady gait.</p> <p>Minimum Data Set Quarterly Assessment (MDS-an assessment tool) dated 9/24/07 indicated that the resident had short and long term memory problems. Resident 1 required supervision for daily decision making, required supervision and limited to total assistance with her activity of daily living such as bathing, dressing, grooming, and eating.</p> <p>Review of the care plan on 2/9/07 through 11/24/07 showed that Resident 1 was a "Potential for injury</p>				

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	<p>Continued From page 3</p> <p>pitcher on the floor, no injury.</p> <p>7/29/07- Unwitnessed fall, found the resident sitting in her bed with a laceration on the chin about 3 cm. in length and 2 cm. in depth. Resident 1 got transferred to acute care and had medical glue to hold the wound.</p> <p>9/16/07-Fell in her room and sustained a laceration on right eyebrow about 12.0 cm. in length and she was transferred to acute care for suturing.</p> <p>10/1/07-Found lying in the bathroom with open wound on her head (occipital area).</p> <p>11/24/07-Unwitnessed fall, the CNA while combing resident's hair, she noticed a deep lacerated wound on the resident's right side of head about 2.0 cm. in length x 0.3 cm. in depth". The licensed staff informed the physician but the physician didn't think that it was necessary to transfer the resident to acute care for suturing. The physician's statement indicated in the nurse's notes dated 11/24/07 at 1:00 P.M., stated that "she does not need to be sent out for stitches because scalp wounds heal easily ". The licensed staff informed the alternate physician and Resident 1 was transferred to acute care emergency room on 11/24/07 at 4:25 P.M.</p> <p>Review of the clinical records from the acute care hospital showed that Resident 1 was admitted on 11/24/07, unresponsive and was in critical condition. Her blood pressure was elevated at 195/120 and a heart rate of 128/ minute. A head CT (computerized tomography) scan was obtained which confirmed a left subdural hematoma, measuring 17 mm. maximum width, cerebral herniation and right parietal laceration. A case</p>				

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